# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023 at 03:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for next couple of days, low for all details from Friday.

**Headline for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023:** Mostly dry in north and east, a few snow showers towards west coast. Cloudy and occasional snow then developing more widely during the evening, with strengthening in evening leading to possible blizzard conditions on upper slopes.

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023**

**Blizzards**
Low Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
Low Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
No Likelihood

**Gales**
Low Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
High Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Low Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
Medium Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Partly cloudy (night) | Sunny intervals | Sunny intervals | Cloudy | Dull | Light snow |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 20% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 20% | 60% |

**Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023**

**Weather:** Sunny intervals on Wednesday morning and mainly dry, but a few snow showers over Skye and the west coast. Cloud then gradually increasing through the afternoon, with occasional mainly light snow gradually developing more widely, becoming more persistent over Skye and Lochalsh later in the evening, with the chance of blizzard conditions developing on the Plateau as winds pick up.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 90% through most of daylight hours, but 70% over Skye, falling 60% by dusk and then falling steadily to 20% during the evening.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Most of the day seeing little low cloud and good visibility but some patchy cloud at 750m near west coast showers. Then cloud gradually lowering into the evening to 600-750m with snow bringing locally poor visibility below this too.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 18/22 S | 15/18 S | 15/19 S | 17/22 S | 17/23 SE | 20/27 E | 20/29 E |
| **900** | 18/22 S | 15/18 S | 14/18 S | 16/21 S | 17/22 SE | 22/29 E | 22/31 E |
| **600** | 12/16 S | 12/15 S | 11/15 S | 12/16 S | 9/15 SE | 16/25 E | 18/27 E |
| **300** | 0/11 SW | 1/11 SW | 3/12 S | 3/14 S | 2/12 SE | 8/21 E | 10/24 E |
| **Glen** | 2/8 SE | 3/8 S | 6/13 S | 7/14 SE | 6/12 E | 13/22 E | 17/26 E |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | -5/-13 | -4/-11 | -4/-11 | -3/-10 | -4/-12 | -4/-12 | -4/-11 |
| **900** | -4/-12 | -4/-10 | -3/-10 | -3/-9 | -4/-10 | -4/-12 | -3/-11 |
| **600** | -2/-8 | -2/-7 | -1/-6 | -0/-5 | -1/-6 | -1/-8 | -1/-7 |
| **300** | -2/-3 | -0/-2 | 2/-0 | 2/0 | 1/-1 | 0/-4 | 0/-5 |
| **Glen** | 2/0 | 2/0 | 4/2 | 4/1 | 3/1 | 3/-2 | 3/-2 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 100m | 300m | 400m | 400m | 300m | 300m | 300m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Note the very low feels like temperatures.

**Forecast for Thursday 16 Mar 2023**
**Weather:** Snow in early hours turning to rain at all levels in the morning.

**Maximum wind:** Southeast 25 gusts 35mph becoming south or southwesterly in afternoon.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 10%.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Extensive cloud 600-900m, occasionally lower near west coast. Poor visibility at times below the cloud in rain or showers.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Zero overnight slowly picking up to Plus 3 by morning, then edging up to 7 Celsius in the afternoon.
**At 800m:** Minus 2 at first in early hours but lifting to Plus 2 before morning and Plus 5 during the day.
**Freezing level:** 300m at first in early hours but above all summits by morning.

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